

DEATH OF ELKINS HALTS CONGRESS

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Both Houses to Attend Ceremonies in Elkins, W. Va., Where Interment Will Be Made—Scott Overcome

Washington, January 5.—Sadness and gloom marked the reconvening of Congress to-day after a fortnight's recess over the holidays, for Senators returned to find the seat of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia vacant. Immediately after the announcement of the death of Elkins had been made in broken tones by Senator Nathan B. Scott, the Senate adjourned.

The House was formally notified of the passing of the statesman by Representative Gaines, of West Virginia, and promptly adjourned. The Senate was recessed in minutes, the House a scant half-hour.

Before adjournment both houses appointed committees to attend the funeral, which will be held in Elkins, W. Va., at noon Saturday. The congressmen will leave here tomorrow night on a special train, returning Sunday morning. There will be no public ceremonies of any character in the capital, but private rites will be performed at the Elkins residence at 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Chaplain Pierce, in the Senate, and Chaplain Couden, in the House, both referred feelingly to the death of Senator Elkins, the latter referring to him as one of the foremost legislators

In announcing to the Senate the death of his colleague, Mr. Scott, who was almost overcome with emotion referred to Mr. Elkins's brave fight for his life after a long illness. He said that the noblest trait in the character of Mr. Scott was his broadmindedness and his willingness to fight and contend manfully for principles he believed to be right.

The Senate adopted a resolution expressing its sympathy for the bereaved family and appointed the following committee to attend the late Senator's funeral: Messrs. Scott, Hale, Frye, Aldrich, Cullum, Gallinger, Lodge, Bacon, Tilden, Keam, Bailey, Foster, Stone, Brandegee, and Brewster.

The following were appointed as a committee of the House to attend the funeral of Senator Elkins: Representatives Hubbard, Hughes, Woodyard, Gaines and Sturges, of West Virginia; Mann, Illinois; Andrews, New Mexico; Rucker, Missouri; Alexander, New York; Longworth, Ohio; Calderhead, Kansas; Siemp and Lumb, of Virginia; Richardson, Alabama; Adamson and Livingston, Georgia, and McCall, Massachusetts.

Will Not Discuss Succession.
Charleston, W. Va., January 5.—Gov. Glasscock will not discuss the question of a probable successor to Senator Ekins until after the funeral of the Senator.

With the Legislature convening on January 10, the Governor will be asked as to whether the Governor will appoint a Senator to serve for the brief period pending the election of a Democrat by the Joint Assembly. Should he decide, however, to make an appointment, party leaders generally believe he will award the honor to Isaac T. Mann, a wealthy coal operator of Bramwell, and prominent in Republican councils.

Longworth's Bill Introduced.
Washington, D. C., January 5.—Tariff commission bill was introduced in the House to-day. It was framed by Representative Longworth, of Ohio, after conferences with President Taft and with insurgent Republicans, providing for a permanent tariff commission.

Mr. Longworth said he purposed to press his measure and hoped to obtain favorable consideration from the Ways and Means committee.

The Longworth bill confers on the tariff commission the general power to subpoena witnesses and call for books and papers from persons engaged in producing, importing or distributing articles under tariff investigation. Much of the information which will prove most valuable to Congress is expected to be acquired through confidential statements to the commission on the understanding that the names

The bill provides for the appointment by the President of five commissioners at \$7,500 each annually, not more than half of them to be from the same party. Three of the commissioners will be in Washington, two of them in the field, and the investigation will be conducted by the field investigators wherever in the world.

"I most cordially endorse the bill presented by Representative Longworth," said Mr. Cobb, after a conference with Mr. Longworth and other Congressmen at the Capitol.

Change in Plans Necessary.
Washington, D. C., January 5.—The

adjournment of the Senate until Monday on account of the death of Senator Elliker made material changes in the plans of those opposed to Senator Loomer, of Illinois, being permitted to retain his seat. It was expected that Senator Owen would speak to-day in criticism of the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

that he would introduce a resolution to declare the election of Mr. Lorimer illegal. The adjournment until Monday, however, makes it possible for Senator Beveridge to complete a minority report, and it is now believed that he will submit such a report Monday.